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SUBJECT: SENATOR TRIBLE'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NAMPHY
FEBRUARY 15, 1986

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SUMMARY: IN CORDIAL ONE-HALF HOUR CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT NAMPHY FEBRUARY 15, SENATOR TRIBLE EXPRESSED CONGRESSIONAL HOPE THAT NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL WOULD MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH TIMETABLE FOR ELECTIONS. PRESIDENT NAMPHY STRESSED CNG ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE, PRIMISED EVENTUAL TIMETABLE BUT SAID THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. SENATOR TRIBLE NOTED WIDESPREAD HAITIAN CONCERNS ABOUT APPARENT CONTINUED ROLE PLAYED BY "DUVALIERISTS" IN NEW GOVERNMENT; NAMPHY STRESSED TRANSITIONAL, REGIONAL CHARACTER OF NEW GOVERNMENT BUT, EMPHASIZED THAT CNG COULD NOT BE SEEN TO BOW TO POPULAR PRESSURE TO RESHUFFLE. SENATOR TRIBLE STRESSED STRICT FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND SUPPRESSION OF CORRUPTION AS PREREQUISITE FOR FOREIGN AID. PRESIDENT NAMPHY GAVE CNG'S CATEGORICAL COMMITMENT TO INSURE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF AID FUNDS. END SUMMARY.

3. SENATOR PAUL TRIBLE ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR MCMANAWAY AND POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF ROSSIN CALLED ON NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL PRESIDENT LT. GENERAL HENRI NAMPHY AT 11:00 A.M., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15. MEETING LASTED ONE-HALF HOUR AND WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL. NAMPHY WELCOMED U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN RECENT EVENTS IN HAITI AND EVIDENT COMMITMENT TO ASSIST NEW HAITIAN GOVERNMENT IN IMPROVING WELL-BEING OF HAITIAN PEOPLE AND HELPING TO BRING DEMOCRACY.

4. NAMPHY TOLD SENATOR TRIBLE THAT THE CNG HAD A COMPLICATED JOB AHEAD. A SOLID BASE HAD TO BE LAID ON WHICH DEMOCRACY COULD BE CONSTRUCTED SO THAT POLITICIANS WOULD NOT EXPLOIT THE PEOPLE LEAVING HAITI IN THE HANDS OF A NEW DICTATORSHIP. THE GOVERNMENT, NAMPHY SAID, HAD LAID OUT ITS PROGRAM IN HIS FEBRUARY 10 ADDRESS AND WAS COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY. THE NAME ITSELF OF THE GOVERNMENT -- THE NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL -- HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CHOSEN TO INDICATE THAT ALL HAITIANS WERE REPRESENTED IN THE GOVERNMENT.

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5. NAMPHY STRESSED THAT THE CNG HAD HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY AFTER ITS FEBRUARY 7 ASSUMPTION OF POWER TO STABILIZE THE SECURITY SITUATION. THIS EXPLAINED THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW CABINET. IT WAS NOT EASY TO GET RID OF THE VSN WITHOUT BLOODSHED. IN ORDER TO CREATE A CLIMATE IN WHICH VSN MEMBERS COULD FEEL SECURE AND WOULD ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE DISARMED, THE CNG HAD DECIDED IT WAS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CABINET MEMBERS WITH VSN CONNECTIONS. THIS HAD WORKED, THE ENDING WAS HAPPY, BUT NAMPHY STRESSED THAT THE CABINET WAS TRANSITIONAL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED POPULAR ANXIETY AND SAID ALL DEMANDS WOULD BE "LISTENED TO, ANALYZED AND RESPONDED TO IN GOOD TIME." THIS COULD NOT BE DONE IN DISORDER AND THE CNG WAS STRESSING TO THE PEOPLE THAT THE DAMAGE OF 28 YEARS COULD NOT BE UNDONE IN EIGHT DAYS.

6. NAMPHY SAID THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS VERY DIFFICULT. GOH TECHNICAL SERVICES WOULD BE PRESENTING PROPOSALS TO USAID FOR BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM AID. THE CNG HAD TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE FIRST, THEN PROVIDE A MINIMAL LEVEL OF EDUCATION SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS INTELLIGENTLY. ELECTIONS, NAMPHY EMPHASIZED, COULD NOT BE HELD WITHOUT THIS PREPARATION. WERE HAITI TO HOLD ELECTIONS IMMEDIATELY, THERE WOULD BE A DICTATORSHIP AGAIN WITHIN FIVE YEARS. THE CNG PRESENTED HAITI'S FIRST CHANCE AT A GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE HAITIAN PEOPLE AND THIS, NAMPHY CONCLUDED, WAS THE CNG'S BEDROCK POLICY.

7. SENATOR GTRIBLE CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT NAMPHY ON THE CNG'S COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ELECTIONS IN HAITI CLEARLY WERE IMPOSSIBLE OVERNIGHT. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, NEITHER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NOR THE HAITIAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES COULD WAIT FOREVER. TRIBLE SAID THIS
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